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Fiscal Intermediary 835 Flat File and Companion Document Change

Note: This article was revised to contain web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Providers who bill fiscal intermediaries (FI)

Provider Action Needed

Be advised that a new field has been added to the FI Part A 835 flat file to accommodate the forced balancing amount in the standard paper remittance (SPR). In addition, the FI companion document has been changed to show that the total HCPCS reported charges amount in TS317 equals the sum of all reported charges with the HC qualifier.

Background

HIPAA transactions must comply with the implementation guides. CMS policy is to make the standard paper remittance advice mimic the electronic remittance advice for those data elements contained in both the standard paper remittance (SPR) and the electronic remittance advice (ERA).

Changes in the Fiscal Intermediary Flat File to Accommodate the Forced Balancing Amount in the SPR

The forced balancing amount that is sometimes used to balance the SPR is reported in the electronic remittance advice (ERA), and the SPR needs to expand to create the appropriate space for this information. Thus, the SPR report format will be modified to include a new field; the presumptive payment adjustment (PRE PAY ADJ) field will be added below the interest field in Part A and Part B claim detail sections.

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FIs will place A7 (Presumptive Payment Adjustment) in the Reason code field to reflect the forced balancing amount in the SPR.

Changes in the FI Companion Document

The FIs will ensure that the total HCPCS reported charge amount in TS317 is equal to the sum of reported charge amount(s) when the qualifier is HC.

Additional Information

The official instruction issued to the intermediary regarding this change can be found online at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/Downloads/R252CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

A sample of the SPR is attached to the CR to illustrate these changes.

You may also refer to the following related CRs: 1522, 1828, 1959, and 2233.

If you have questions regarding this issue, please contact your FI at their toll-free number, which is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS web site.

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